



# Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



*Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.*

## **DATE:**

(Weeks of July 16 – July 31 )

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;  
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

## **REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis**

### **District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis**

**(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)**

#### **CARROLL COUNTY**

CPO Jones assisted the Iowa DNR in the investigation of a fatal boat accident that occurred on the Mississippi River Pool 13.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

#### **JO DAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Jones participated in a boat safety detail on the Mississippi River Pool 12. Several vessels were inspected. The Illinois DNR inspected fifteen vessels and issued two written warnings for equipment violations. Iowa DNR arrested one subject for boating under the influence.

#### **LEE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

#### **MERCER COUNTY**

CPO Posateri and Sgt Petreikis patrolled the Mississippi River in Pool 17. A boat operator from New Boston was found to be in possession of cannabis and paraphernalia. The drugs and pipe were seized with \$120 civil citations issued for each violation.

OGLE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

ROCK ISLAND

CPO Posateri and Sgt Petreikis patrolled the Mississippi River in Pool 16. A boat operator from East Moline was arrested for OUI. He provided a breath sample of .108 BAC.

CPO Posateri and Sgt Petreikis were patrolling the Mississippi River near Rock Island in support of the fireworks display Red, White & Boom. Just as boats were going out for the fireworks, a small 14-foot aluminum jon boat was coming back in toward the marina. A safety inspection was completed, and there was only 1 lifejacket for 3 people on board. The operator was issued a citation for the violation and was escorted back to the ramp with all occupants wearing lifejackets.

CPO Jones cited a Davenport man for violation of a no wake zone. The man violated the no wake while Illinois Conservation officers were assisting a subject with a sunken boat. The subject was also issued a written warning for not having his battery terminals covered.

CPO Francisko conducted watercraft safety inspections at Sunset Marina. A passenger sitting in the stern of a cabin cruiser and smoking a marijuana cigarette didn't see or hear the CPO approaching the boat. The subject was issued a civil citation for the violation.

STEPHENSON

No activity reported for this county

WHITESIDE

CPO Jones received information of a man selling painted turtles online. The investigation resulted in the man being cited for taking the turtles without a fishing license. He was also issued warnings for the commercialization of wild caught turtles and being over his possession limit.

**District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire**  
**(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)**

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

while on routine patrol near Sheffield, CPO Wagner observed a vehicle with no noticeable license plate. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license. The subject was arrested.

CPO Finn received the disposition for a driving under the influence and driving while license suspended case. The case was upgraded to a felony since the Ottawa man was driving while suspended for the second time. The driver was found guilty of felony driving while license suspended. He was given a fine of just under \$6,000, 60 days in jail and 2.5 years' probation.

DEKALB COUNTY
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No activity reported for this county

LASALLE COUNTY
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CPO Jansen made a traffic stop on a vehicle approximately 5 minutes after advising the revoked driver not to drive. The driver was subsequently arrested for DUI and driving while revoked.

CPO Jansen spoke to approximately 50 Cub Scouts about being a Conservation Police Officer and answered questions on wildlife and laws pertaining to hunting and fishing.

While conducting patrol near Peru Sportsman's Club, CPO Wagner noticed a suspicious vehicle parked along the roadside. Upon further investigation, the driver was found to be in possession of cannabis. The driver was cited for the violation.

While conducting sport fish enforcement along Illinois River, CPO Wagner cited an individual for fishing without permission.

While conducting recreational boat enforcement, CPOs Wagner and Finn cited 4 individuals for fishing without permission.

CPO Kaufman located several juveniles and an adult male swimming in a restricted area of Starved Rock State Park. The adult was wanted on a warrant.

CPO Kaufman located 2 individuals fishing in a restricted area of the Starved Rock Nature Preserve. One of the individuals was wanted on a warrant.

CPO Kaufman found a fisherman in possession of a 13 inch Sauger. The minimum possession limit is 14 inches. A citation was issued.

CPO Kaufman received a phone call from a retired CPO who stated that he had located a pile of trash along a road he routinely hikes on. The retired officer had located some information in the trash that indicated who had dumped it. CPO Kaufman went to a residence in a neighboring town, and using the information the retired officer had provided, was able to get an individual to admit he had dumped the trash along the road. A citation was issued.

CPO Filipiak conducted multiple foot patrols at Starved Rock, Matthiessen, and Buffalo Rock State Parks. Ten people were arrested for entering restricted areas and 8 people were issued civil violations for possession of cannabis.

Sergeant Wire was returning from a fight in progress call when he noticed a vehicle driving on the left side of the road. The vehicle also did not have tail lights, and it was after sunset. A traffic stop was initiated. The driver reportedly had a stroke 2 weeks prior and was on medication. The driver showed signs of alcohol impairment and was arrested for DUI. He was found to be operating the vehicle with a .223 B.A.C. A subsequent investigation showed that the driver was a felon and was in possession of a loaded handgun in the vehicle.

Two individuals were seen illegally driving their vehicle down the I&M Canal near Buffalo Rock State Park. Sergeant Wire stopped at their campsite and waited for the campers to return to their site. While waiting, Sergeant Wire observed a pouch in open view with numerous bags of cannabis. Sergeant Wire confronted the campers when they returned. Additional cannabis and paraphernalia was located. They were each issued 2 civil citations.

An individual alarmed some Illinois residents by posting pictures of a bear with severe mange on social media. The individual stated that he saw it at Matthiessen State Park. A search revealed that the picture was taken from an article about bears with mange in Pennsylvania.

#### PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While checking kayaks and fishing licenses at Olson Lake in Rock Cut State Park, CPO Fraser observed several vehicles parked on the grass in an area restricted to handicap parking only. CPO Fraser located all vehicle owners but one and issued written warnings for parking violations and citations for boat violations. When only one vehicle remained, CPO Fraser checked the registration and walked to a nearby bank fisherman to check his fishing license. Upon seeing the angler's valid license, CPO Fraser discovered the angler and the registered owner of the vehicle had the same name. Despite CPO Fraser brought this to the angler's attention and the angler stated the vehicle was not his, and he was parked in a different area. CPO Fraser left the area and confirmed the angler and the vehicle owner were the same. Upon confirming what he discovered, CPO Fraser called the angler using the phone number on his fishing license and instructed him to come remove his vehicle. The angler was upset and stated he would contest the violation in court and refused to move his vehicle. CPO Fraser advised the angler if he did not remove his vehicle, it would be towed, and he would be charged with obstructing. The angler begrudgingly removed his vehicle from the area and returned to fishing.

While patrolling Rock Cut State Park after posted closed hours, CPO Fraser observed a vehicle traveling through the park at a high rate of speed. CPO Fraser caught up to the vehicle approximately 1 mile outside the park and observed the driver was swerving and was continuing to speed. CPO Fraser stopped the vehicle and found the male driver and male passenger were campground patrons. CPO Fraser completed field sobriety testing on the driver and found he was intoxicated. He was subsequently taken into custody for DUI. During an inventory of the vehicle, a backpack containing a woman's ID along with cannabis and paraphernalia was located. Neither of the male occupants claimed the cannabis, so it was seized pending investigation into the

ID card. The DUI subject was transported to jail where he provided a breath sample of 0.101 BAC. Just after leaving the jail, CPO Fraser received a call for a verbal domestic in the Rock Cut campground. After arriving on scene, CPO Fraser identified the suspects as the passenger from the DUI arrest and the owner of the ID found with the cannabis. After a short investigation, CPO Fraser determined there was no domestic at the location and told the suspects to quiet down. The female subject admitted the cannabis belonged to her and was issued a civil citation.

CPO Fraser was responding to assist ISP with 4 armed subjects walking in a field. While driving to the call on US 20, CPO Fraser was stuck behind a vehicle refusing to move from the left lane. While following the vehicle, CPO Fraser observed the driver swerving into the median shoulder. A reckless driver broadcast was also put out by the county for the same vehicle. After 1 ½ miles, the driver yielded for the lights and siren and pulled to the shoulder. In the vehicle, CPO Fraser observed a nearly empty 1.75 liter bottle of vodka on the floorboard. The driver completed field sobriety testing and was subsequently arrested for DUI with a BAC of 0.245.

CPO Fraser received a complaint from a subject who stated his neighbor was illegally trapping squirrels and had left one in a live trap for over two days. CPO Fraser responded to the address where he was met by a second neighbor with the same complaint. CPO Fraser located the baited live trap and found there was a squirrel in the trap that appeared to have been there for some time. The squirrel was released and the owner was contacted. The illegal trapper stated that he considered squirrels rodents, and he was within his rights to trap rodents due to the damage they were causing. CPO Fraser asked the suspect to show him where his property was damaged and he could possibly be issued a nuisance trapping permit. The suspect was unable to show any damage and stated the squirrels dig holes in the grass. CPO Fraser advised the suspect that squirrels burying nuts was not property damage, and the trapping he was doing, along with not checking the trap, was illegal. The suspect was defiant and stated he would continue to trap squirrels. The suspect was issued a citation for illegal trapping, and the complainants were advised to call CPO Fraser if the trapping continued.

Officer Schoonhoven assisted the State and local law enforcement agencies with patrolling the roadways and waterways looking for stranded motorists or boaters as a result of flooding conditions from heavy rainfall.

### **District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery**

**(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)**

#### **FULTON COUNTY**

CPO Thompson issued a citation and a warning to a male subject for fishing without permission on incorporated property.

CPO Thompson issued 6 citations to two male subjects for violations referencing an incident of unlawful take of a common snapping turtle out of season.

#### **HENDERSON COUNTY**

CPO Reid investigated a commercial fishing complaint in pool 18 of the Mississippi river. A local fisherman reported the theft of fish from his hoop nets.

## KNOX COUNTY

CPO Elliott assisted CPO Lazzell with a DUI stop in Victoria. The subject was arrested and taken to a hospital in Galesburg before being processed at Knox County Jail.

## MARSHALL

CPO Elliott assisted CPO Gerard on an OUI arrest at Lacon Boat ramp in Marshall County.

## McDONOUGH

CPO Gerard arrested a subject for unlawfully operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol

## PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Elliott and CPO Gerard conducted recreational boat enforcement in Peoria, Tazewell, and Marshall Counties. Two citations were issued at Powerton Lake for no fishing license and 1 written warning was issued for no fishing license.

## STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited two subjects for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor while patrolling the Mackinaw

## WARREN COUNTY

CPO Reid cited 3 individuals at Citizens Lake in Monmouth

## WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## **REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins**

**District 2 – Sgt. Eric Schreiber**  
**(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)**

## KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LAKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

McHENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

**District 3 – Sgt. Dave Wollgast**  
**(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)**

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber observed a subject fishing below the Kankakee Dam in Kankakee. CPO Farber observed the subject catch three smallmouth Bass and put them into a bucket. Twenty minutes later, CPO Farber approached the subject to conduct a compliance check. The fisherman was in possession of two smallmouth bass within the protected slot limit for that stretch of the river. The fisherman was educated about Illinois site specific sport fish rules and regulations and issued two written warnings.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland observed a subject fishing with his family. Although he was helping his kids fish the subject was also actively fishing. After checking another fisherman in between CPO Bergland and the fisherman, CPO Bergland then came upon the fisherman and his family. However, there were no fishing poles to be found. There was a tackle box, and the man was holding a container of worms, but he said that he wasn't fishing. CPO Bergland found the subject's fishing pole after a quick look around in the woods behind the family. The subject did not have a fishing license and no identification. CPO Bergland advised him that cash bond would be required for the citation. His wife made the short drive into town to get bond. While she was gone, CPO Bergland made a computer check and learned that the subject had a suspended driver's license for a previous insurance violation. When the subject's wife got back, CPO Bergland ran the plates of the vehicle she was driving. The registration was suspended for mandatory insurance violation. After talking with the wife, CPO Bergland learned that there was no proof of insurance with the vehicle. Citations were issued for these violations as well.

WILL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

**District 4 – Sgt. Jed Whitchurch**

**(Counties: Cook & DuPage)**

COOK COUNTY
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While on patrol on the Chicago River, CPO Ausmus and CPO Mooi stopped several vessels for unlawful passenger location, failure to have navigation lights on when required, and wake zone violations. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Ausmus and CPO Mooi assisted the US Coast Guard with The Race to Mackinac sailboat race from the Chicago Harbors to Mackinac Island, Michigan. The CPOs were tasked with securing a no wake zone on the north side of Navy Pier. The CPOs were also tasked with recreational boat enforcement. They issued one citation for a child PFD violation.

CPO Ausmus is investigating a boat accident that occurred in De Sauble Harbor. One vessel struck a moored vessel while leaving the dock. There were no injuries, and the investigation is ongoing.

CPO Ausmus issued a Chicago man a citation for failure to immediately release a short Northern Pike at Wolfe Lake.

CPO Ausmus followed up on two separate boat accidents that occurred on Lake Michigan. One boat owner was issued a written warning for failure to transfer watercraft registration within 15 days.

CPO Ausmus and CPO Snodgrass were on routine patrol on the Chicago River when they were alerted to an overturned kayak. The CPOs found the kayaker standing on a ledge in the water. The kayak guide responded on a personal watercraft and assisted. They were able to get the kayak righted, emptied, and the operator back into his kayak.

While conducting boat safety checks at Worth boat launch at the Cal Sag Channel, CPO Thornley spotted a vessel with no navigational lights after sunset. As the vessel docked, two individuals exited the watercraft. CPO Thornley observed 1 subject toss an empty can into the water. CPO Thornley walked to where the individual threw the can and found a Miller Lite beer can floating on top of the water. CPO Thornley issued the subject a pollution of waterways citation. CPO Thornley conducted an inspection on the vessel. The vessel was found not to have enough life jackets. CPO Thornley issued a citation for the PFD violation and a written warning for no navigational lights when required.

CPO Thornley and CPO Stanbary conducted a boat patrol on the Cal Sag Channel and Calumet River. CPO Thornley and CPO Stanbary checked ten vessels for safety equipment. CPO Thornley issued 2 written warnings for no safety lanyards. CPO Thornley also issued two citations, one for unnumbered watercraft, and the second for no fire extinguisher. CPO Stanbary issued a civil cannabis citation and a written warning for no safety lanyard. CPO Thornley and CPO Stanbary also assisted a boat back to shore after it began having engine problems.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled William Powers State Park. He observed several boats operating on Wolf Lake and performed vessel safety inspections on 4 boats. Two boats were found to have an insufficient number of PFD's (lifejackets) onboard and no fire extinguishers. Citations and written warnings were issued.



CPO Snodgrass observed a subject to be wading far out into Wolf Lake where wading is posted prohibited. The subject was warned and educated on this issue.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled William Powers State Park. While running radar, he clocked a subject traveling 30 mph in a 15 mph zone. Upon performing a traffic stop, it was founded that the driver had a suspended driver's licenses, and both the driver and passenger were in possession of open alcohol in a vehicle and in a State park. The driver was arrested for unlawful operation of a motor vehicle while license suspended. The driver was also cited for the alcohol violation. The passenger was also arrested for unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled the Chicago River enforcing boat safety violations and in a concerted effort to combat impaired boating. He performed several boat safety inspections and issued a written warning for a minor safety equipment violation.

CPO Snodgrass was on routine patrol when he observed a driver merge onto the shoulder of the interstate and proceed to pass vehicles that were moving at a slow rate of speed. CPO Snodgrass issued the subject a citation for driving on the shoulder and educated him on the rules of the road.

CPO Snodgrass investigated a boat accident where a subject drove his boat aground on Dime Pier located on Lake Michigan near Navy Pier.

CPO Snodgrass conducted several vessel safety inspections at Alsip boat launch at the Cal Sag Channel. He found 2 subjects who didn't possess valid sport fishing licenses and didn't have a fire extinguisher on their boat. He issued 3 warnings and stressed the importance of having a working fire extinguisher onboard.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled Lake Michigan where he observed a subject pulling a tube with a PWC. The subject had two youths in the tube and no competent observer on the PWC. CPO Snodgrass conducted a stop and issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled the Chicago River and issued a subject a written warning for a wake violation and expired registration.

CPO Stanbary inspected 6 vessels at the Cal Sag Channel. One written warning was issued for an unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Stanbary issued one civil cannabis citation at William Powers SFWA after observing a subject to be in possession of Cannabis.

CPO Stanbary issued two written warnings to fishermen at Wolf Lake for having no valid sport fishing licenses.

CPO Stanbary stopped a motorist for passing in a no passing zone. The driver was issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, passing in a no passing zone and no valid driver's license.

CPO Stanbary conducted a boat batrol with CPO Thornley on the Cal Sag Channel. One boater was assisted with a tow back to his boat landing after having engine trouble. One civil cannabis violation was issued to a boater after he was found in possession of a cannabis cigarette. One written warning was issued to a boater for no cut off safety lanyard and no fire extinguisher. Five vessel inspections were completed.

CPO Stanbary was on a boat patrol on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan with CPO Mooi. The CPOs conducted 14 vessel inspections, wrote two citations for registration violations and three written warnings for equipment and registration offenses.

CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a dog owner at William Powers SFWA. The dog owner had two dogs off leash within the park. The dogs were running wild and were not in control.

CPO Stanbary checked boaters at the Alsip and Worth boat ramps. Nine vessel inspections were conducted on boaters entering and exiting the Cal/Sag Channel. One citation was issued for a boater having no type 4 throwable PFD. Four written warnings were issued to boaters for equipment and registration violations.

CPO Stanbary following up on a complaint in southern Cook County and issued a written warning to a homeowner for releasing trapped chipmunks onto the private property of another.

CPO Stanbary patrolled William Powers SFWA. One vessel inspection was completed. A written warning was issued to a fisherman for not having a valid sport fishing license.

During a vessel inspection at the Alsip boat ramp, CPO Stanbary cited a boat owner for failure to transfer certificate of number. A written warning was issued to the same boater for no type IV PFD on board.

CPO Stanbary patrolled William Powers SFWA. One written warning was issued to a fisherman who had no valid sport fishing license. One park goer was issued a written warning for possession of alcohol in a restricted area after the CPO found him in possession of two open beers.

Two written warnings were issued to boaters at the Alsip boat ramp for equipment violations discovered during routine boat safety inspections by CPO Stanbary. Three vessel inspections were completed.

A fisherman at a Cook County lake was issued a written warning after he was observed by CPO Stanbary to be fishing with too many devices.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River with CPO Klemme and Sgt Whitchurch when he observed a recreational boat with a small child onboard who did not appear to be wearing a life jacket. A stop and safety inspection was conducted. The child was not wearing a life jacket but did have one on board the boat. The safety inspection uncovered multiple other violations. A citation and three written warnings were issued.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan when he observed a large boat exiting the Chicago Harbor Lock at a high rate of speed. The boat also came within a couple feet of the south wall of the lock. A stop was conducted and after a safety inspection, the operator was arrested for unlawful operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The operator refused to provide a breath sample.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme were patrolling Lake Michigan when they observed a red Mastercraft ski boat adrift near Navy Pier with no navigation lights. It was after sunset and the operator of the Mastercraft had already received a verbal warning about navigation lights. As the CPOs neared the boat, a passenger was observed sitting on the ski rack above the boat. The operator was issued a citation for the passenger location and a written warning for the navigation lights.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan in the playpen area when he observed a personal watercraft with no registration decals. The registration numbers were run through ISP dispatch and returned expired. The operator was issued a citation for the registration violation.

CPO Klemme was on a boat patrol on the Chicago River when she observed a vessel with a small child on board who was not wearing a life jacket. During the boat inspection, it was determined that the child was 9 years old. The operator was issued a citation.

CPO Klemme was on boat patrol in the playpen area of Lake Michigan when an individual was observed on a personal watercraft. The subject was not wearing a life jacket. The PWC was stopped and inspected. The subject was issued a citation for not wearing a PFD.

#### DuPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

### **REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes**

#### **District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds**

**(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)**

#### CLARK COUNTY

CPO Greuel investigated a personal injury boat accident that occurred on Mill Creek Lake. A juvenile was injured and required surgery after his hand became entangled in a line attached to a tube being towed.

#### COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Mattoon man for pollution of a waterway at Lake Mattoon.

CPO Barnes issued a Coles County man a citation for insufficient number of life jackets on a watercraft on Lake Mattoon.

CPO Mieure issued two subjects from Charleston citations for pollution of a waterway after they were informed they were camping in an area on the Embarras River where camping wasn't allowed and were asked to leave.

CPO Mieure participated in a security detail at Springfield DNR headquarters during an anti-fracking protest. The protest remained peaceful, and no enforcement action took place.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Mieure conducted a boat title and registration investigation for Toledo man on a watercraft.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody assisted the Moultrie County Sheriff's Office with traffic control at the scene of a rollover vehicle crash.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel and Sgt McReynolds cited a Decatur man on Lake Shelbyville for OUI. The subject's BAC was .103%.

CPO Mieure issued a man from Worth a citation for not having a 10-year-old child in a lifejacket while boating.

Sgt McReynolds and CPO Greuel conducted a patrol of the Kaskaskia River below the Lake Shelbyville Dam. A Decatur man and a Mattoon man were both cited for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The men were also issued trespass warnings at the request of the land and river owner.

**District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson**

**(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)**

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DEWITT COUNTY

DNR K9 Hank and his handler, CPO Viverito, focused on drug arrests the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. The team screened over 25 vehicles which resulted in the arrest of more than 6 individuals on narcotics related offenses. The arrests occurred on Clinton Lake State recreation area lands.

While working boat enforcement, CPO Viverito observed a blue fish and ski boat with 6 occupants heading towards the Weldon access boat ramp at Clinton lake. CPO Viverito performed an inspection which uncovered numerous boat violations. The driver of the vessel, was investigated and arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Cottrell and Sgt. Williamson were on a uniformed jon boat patrol on Clinton Lake when they observed a boat pulling a skier very close to the shore near Houseboat Cove. They observed the skier fall into the water and the boat operator pull up to the skier in the water. As they continued to watch, the operator of the boat walked up to the bow of the boat and began urinating in easy public view of people using the lake. The officers approached the boat and informed the operator of what they saw. Sgt. Williamson asked if they had been drinking and the 18-year-old operator stated one beer. After field sobriety tests and a PBT, it was found that the operator was OUI with a BAC of .137%. At that time, the operator stated he had 3 beers. After transporting him to the marina and a final BAC was found to be .134%, the operator admitted to drinking 9 beers. The operator was cited for OUI and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. He also received a warning for nudity on IDNR property and 2 boating violations. A 19-year-old passenger was also cited for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

While on boat patrol at Clinton Lake, CPO Reeves issued civil citations to a male subject for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

While on his own time, Sgt. Williamson was at the Parnell boat launch on Clinton Lake when he observed a drinking party taking place in the parking lot. When he saw a woman leaving in a white car, he informed CPO Wright of its direction of travel. CPO Wright was able to locate the vehicle and stop it for speeding. Upon further investigation, it was found that the woman was DUI. Because this was her second DUI in a month, she refused to give a breath sample.

CPO Viverito and Sgt. Williamson were notified of a missing 14-year-old from the Clinton Lake campground. They were notified at 11:15 PM that the mother had not seen the youth since 6 PM. CPO Viverito, Sgt. Williamson and a DeWitt County Deputy followed up on some leads in the campground to no avail. They were then notified by the mother that a Snapchat locator notification put him in the town of Clinton about 11:45 PM. When interviewed, the mother stated that must be a mistake because he didn't know anyone in Clinton. Upon notification, Clinton PD found the juvenile in Clinton at about 12:30 AM. When he was returned to the campground, he stated that he met some girls in the campground, and they took him to Clinton. The juvenile was returned to the custody of his mother.

CPO Reeves and CPO Graden conducted recreational watercraft enforcement on Clinton Lake. A pontoon boat was observed making way with a passenger illegally riding on the stern deck. As the CPOs attempted to stop the vessel, the operator abandoned the helm and another operator took over the boat. A boat safety inspection was conducted, and the passenger location was addressed. Upon further investigation, it was determined the initial watercraft operator was under the influence of alcohol. CPO Graden cited the 25-year old-male for unlawful operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The operator provided an evidentiary breath sample which determined his blood alcohol concentration was .156%.

FORD COUNTY
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No activity reported for this county

IROQUOIS
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No activity reported for this county

## LIVINGSTON

No activity reported for this county

## MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## McLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

## VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Reeves made an arrest on a male subject at Kickapoo State Park for driving while license suspended. The man was also issued civil citations for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CPO Reeves made an arrest on a male subject at Kickapoo State Park. The man was arrested on an outstanding warrant for a parole violation. The man was lodged at the Vermilion County jail with no bond.

CPO Cottrell cited an Indiana resident for no life jacket on board a watercraft while boating in Kickapoo State Park in addition to 3 related written warnings for other offenses.

CPO Cottrell cited a Danville resident for fishing below the Ellsworth Park dam without a valid fishing license.

District 11 and 19 completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of defensive tactics training at Weldon Springs SP.

## **REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul**

### **District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers**

**(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)**

## ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic performed a boat safety inspection on a pontoon boat at Knapheide boat launch. During the boat safety inspection, CPO Blazinic observed that the operator of the boat was slurring his speech and was emanating an intoxicating beverage odor from his breath that smelled like beer. The subject did not pass field sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested for OUI. At the Adams County Sheriff's Department, the subject blew a .114.

#### BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### HANCOCK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### JERSEY COUNTY

CPOs Gushleff, Liebl and Lentz responded to a call of carbon monoxide poisoning on a house boat in the Grafton Marina. While inside the cabin, two subjects collapsed and became unconscious. The owner of the boat was with the 2 victims but did not succumb to the suspected carbon monoxide poisoning as they did. The owner got out of the boat and called 911. Emergency personnel from Jersey County Sheriff's Department, Grafton PD, QEM Fire, and Arch Helicopter responded to the scene. The 2 victims were flown to 2 different hospitals in St. Louis. The incident is under investigation.

CPO Gushleff responded to a stranded boater call on Piasa Island. The boater and 4 children were camping on Piasa Island when a thunderstorm blew their tent away. The boater was not comfortable taking his boat back to shore in the severe storm. Local rescue crews assisted in bringing the subjects to shore.

CPO Liebl responded to a call of a climber at the Pere Marquette State Park rappelling area who fell down one of the cliffs. Initial reports indicated the man fell about 30 feet to a ledge and then rolled another 25 feet down a rocky slope to the bottom of the cliff. The Missouri man was airlifted to a St. Louis hospital. The man suffered a broken scapula and broke all the ribs on the right side of his body. An investigation into the incident is underway.

#### MACOUPIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCHUYLER COUNTY
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No activity reported for this county

**District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone**

**(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)**

CASS COUNTY
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No activity reported for this county

CHRISTIAN COUNTY
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LOGAN COUNTY
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No activity reported for this county

MASON COUNTY
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CPO Gilmer was patrolling Sanganois State Fish and Wildlife Area where he witnessed two fishermen along the main road. Eventually the two fisherman saw CPO Gilmer. One approached him with his fishing pole. The other left his fishing pole on the bank and approached CPO Gilmer without it. When CPO Gilmer asked for their fishing license, the fisherman, with a pole in hand, produced a valid license. The other did not, and when asked how his fishing was going he said, "oh I quit fishing." CPO Gilmer asked him how old he was when he quit fishing. His response was, "oh I've only quit for about five minutes now. Basically, since I seen you." CPO Gilmer rewarded the young man's honesty with a written warning instead of a ticket.

CPO Gilmer was patrolling the Illinois River and checked the Spoon River for fishing devices. He then went up a slough and found three hoop nets and a 57-hook trot line completely impeding the waterway through the slough. Normally, commercial fishing devices are allowed in the Illinois River and backwaters. The problem though was that they were on the Emiquon Nation Wildlife Refuge. CPO Gilmer laid in the weeds along the slough to witness the commercial fisherman and his granddaughter checking the commercial fishing devices, and then the officer seized the three hoop nets and trot line. CPO Gilmer paid a visit to the commercial fisherman at his residence where he got yelled at by the fisherman for "stealing" his nets. After CPO Gilmer explained to the fisherman he was fishing on a nation wildlife refuge and he could be charged federally for the offenses, the fisherman realized he was wrong and calmed down. CPO Gilmer not only seized the nets and trot line, but also issued three citations and three written warnings. The fisherman apologized afterwards once he realized he was fishing a refuge. The offender has a court date for the offenses.

MENARD COUNTY
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No activity reported for this county



MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

**District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

**(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)**

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley worked complaints of people snagging for fish below the Carlyle Lake Dam. In a two-day period, four snaggers were caught. Three of the four snaggers had snagged paddlefish. The fish were returned to the river.

CPO Tapley received a call about a man in the pool at Eldon Hazlet State Park. The complainants said the man was asking young girls if they could do a handstand and spread their legs while doing so. He was also reported to be swimming around with goggles on and would swim up next to kids in the pool with his face close to their private areas. The man was asked to leave by the pool manager. When Tapley spoke with the man, he intentionally gave Tapley an incorrect spelling of his last name. Tapley was eventually able to get the correct spelling of his last name. The man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, obstructing identification, and for failure to register and pay for his camp site.

CPO Tapley handled a traffic crash at the West Spillway access road below the dam at Carlyle Lake. The driver was driving too fast and struck the guardrail, which fortunately prevented the vehicle from driving into the Kaskaskia River. A passenger was transported to the hospital due to her injuries. The driver was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

CPO Schachner and CPO Rolfingsmeier were on boat patrol at Carlyle Lake for the fireworks display. They issued numerous warnings and several citations as the evening progressed. Later that night, CPO Schachner observed a boat without any bow lights as it motored around the lake. A stop revealed two intoxicated adults and two young children. The operator was arrested for OUI, no bow lights, no valid registration and failure to wear engine cut-off lanyard.

CPO Schachner and CPO Tapley were patrolling Eldon Hazlet State Park, when they observed two boats docking. Several of the occupants appeared drunk and CPO Tapley checked one of the boats while CPO Schachner checked the other. During the safety inspection, CPO Schachner observed impairment in the boat operator. Field sobriety tests confirmed the operator was impaired, and the subject was arrested for OUI. He later recorded a .148 BAC.

#### MADISON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### MONTGOMERY

No activity reported for this county

#### RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Schachner completed a criminal investigation in which a man (later determined to be a convicted felon) intentionally discharged a shotgun multiple times at two fishermen. The fishermen were in a boat on an oxbow of the Kaskaskia State Fish and Wildlife Area. The boat and one of the fishermen was struck by shot resulting in minor injury. Just prior to the shooting, the shooter (who was very close to the fishermen but located on the bank) had a brief "discussion" with them about boats repeatedly violating the "no wake area". The shooter quickly became irate; began cursing the fishermen and produced a shotgun and shot in the air and then at the fishermen. Inexplicably, the fishermen he shot at were fishing slowly using a trolling motor and were not violating the wake. The victims managed to obtain several cell phone pictures of the shooter (over their shoulder) as they escaped. After receiving notice of the crime the following day, CPO Schachner and CPO Liebl secured critical evidence and statements. Several suspects were quickly identified, and CPO Schachner (initially assisted by Sgt. Manker and later CPO Sievers) was able to eliminate several suspects via interviews. Later, the primary suspect was positively identified by one of the victims in a photo lineup. CPO Schachner interviewed the primary suspect and obtained his admission to the shooting. Appropriate felony charges will be sought through the Randolph County States Attorney.

#### ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier worked a domestic violence case at Frank Holten State Park where both individuals had to be sent to the hospital. The fight was brought about from an individual not giving the driver gas money. Charges are pending

CPO Schachner and CPO Rolfingsmeier were on boat patrol on the Kaskaskia River after sunset, when they encountered a jon boat with incorrect bow lighting. It was readily apparent that all the subjects on the boat, including the operator, were consuming alcohol. CPO Rolfingsmeier performed field sobriety tests on the operator and arrested him for OUI. The operator recorded a .142 BAC.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

**REGION 5 – Captain Jim Mayes**

**District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens**

**(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)**

FRANKLIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

**District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt**

**(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)**

**CLAY COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

CPO Roper observed a commercial vehicle hauling several logs. CPO Roper conducted a timber truck inspection on the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle did not possess the required hauling log for the load of logs on the truck. CPO Roper issued the driver a citation for failure to provide proof of ownership of hauled logs

**EDWARDS COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY**

CPO Smith was working Lake Sara with CPO Roper and encountered several boating violations. CPO Smith issued a citation to a boat operator for failing to ensure a passenger under 13 years of age was wearing his life jacket. CPO Roper issued a citation to a boat operator for failing to ensure a passenger under 13 years of age was wearing his life jacket. CPO Roper issued a citation to a subject for failing to have a valid sport fishing license. CPO Smith issued a written warning to a boat operator for a life jacket violation, and one written warning to another operator for failing to display an orange flag while towing.

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**JASPER COUNTY**

CPO Taylor investigated a trailer hauling logs that had broken down along side of the road. Further investigation revealed the trailer and logs belonged to a subject that was acting as a timber buyer but did not have a timber buyer license. The subject was issued 2 citations for not having a timber buyer license and transporting more than 2 logs without proof of ownership.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**MARION COUNTY**

CPO Buhnerkempe was on patrol at Raccoon Lake when he found a vehicle with a strong odor of cannabis emanating from it. He located the owners of the vehicle and questioned them about the cannabis odor. Two

subjects were found to be in possession of small amounts of cannabis, and enforcement action was taken. They were also found to be fishing without fishing licenses and were cited for those violations as well.

CPO Buhnerkempe responded to a 4-car accident on I-57 just north of Salem involving a semi and 3 passenger vehicles. Two people were treated for minor injuries at the scene, and 1 was taken to the hospital by ambulance for non-life threatening injuries. The report was taken by ISP who arrived on scene later.

CPO Smith was working at Forbes Lake and issued the following written warnings to boat operators: 2 for life jacket violations, 1 for battery cover, 1 for overloading a boat, and 1 for failing to display an orange flag while towing.

CPO Compton was working Forbes Lake with CPO Roper when he observed a personal watercraft overloaded with too many occupants. CPOs Compton and Roper conducted a boat stop on the watercraft. It was discovered the personal watercraft was designed to carry up to three people. The watercraft was occupied by three occupants on the watercraft as well as two occupants on an inflatable tube that was being towed by the watercraft, for a total of five occupants. CPO Compton issued a citation for overloading a watercraft.

#### **RICHLAND COUNTY**

While working East Fork Lake, CPO Taylor and CPO Roper issued a citation to a boater for insufficient number of PFDs onboard a watercraft.

#### **WABASH COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

#### **WAYNE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

#### **District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor**

**(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)**

#### **ALEXANDER COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

#### **JACKSON COUNTY**

CPO Mohrman was contacted by a subject who found two kayaks laying on the shoulder of Route 3 in Randolph County. The subject provided the CPO with the water usage stamp numbers, and because they were properly registered, CPO Mohrman was able to contact the owner of these watercraft. The owner of the kayaks was very happy to have her kayaks found and returned to her by this good Samaritan.

CPO Vasicek arrested the operator of a motorboat for operating under the influence of alcohol (OUI) on Kinkaid Lake. The subject registered a BAC of .129%.

CPO Vasicek cited the operator of a jet ski for pulling a tube with an occupant without having a competent observer.

CPO Mohrman continues to assist the Jackson County Sheriff's Office with the search for a 13-year-old drowning victim on the Mississippi River. The search now includes Union and Alexander Counties.

CPO Vasicek arrested a subject on Kinkaid Lake for operating a motorboat after sunset without any navigation lights, operating under the influence of alcohol, and careless operation.

CPO Mohrman and Sgt Taylor assisted with the recovery of a subject who fell overboard and drown while fishing on Kinkaid Lake. The subject was located with sonar and recovered by a dive team. A boat accident report will be filed.

CPO Mohrman, CPO Somers and CPO Lewis assisted the Jackson County Sheriff's office with a sonar search for two subjects who are believed to have drown while swimming in the Mississippi River. The search is still ongoing.

CPOs Lewis and Mohrman were patrolling Kinkaid Lake when they stopped a pontoon boat with a large number of passengers onboard. A boat safety inspection was completed. During the inspection, the operator showed signs of impairment. He was found to have a BAC of .143%. He was cited for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

#### PULASKI COUNTY

CPO Vasicek assisted ISP and Pulaski County with an incident in which Pulaski County Deputies pursued a vehicle northbound on Interstate 57 while the vehicle was in the southbound lane. The subject exited the interstate at the Ullin, IL exit and crashed. He then fled on foot but was apprehended a short time later.

#### UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek assisted the Union County Sheriffs Department with an arrest warrant. The subject was taken into custody on a delivery/ manufacturing of controlled substances warrant with a \$75,000 bond.

CPO Vasicek was first on scene of a personal injury crash on interstate 57 in which an RV struck a semi and crashed into a steep median. CPO Vasicek provided first aid to a Louisiana woman who had a severe leg injury. The leg was wrapped and manual pressure applied to slow the bleeding until paramedics arrived.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY
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CPO Johnson cited 2 minors for unlawful consumption of alcohol and pollution of a waterway. CPO Johnson observed the 2 minors toss bottles into the Herrin City Lake and sink them plus overheard them discussing how drunk they were.

CPO Johnson observed 2 individuals smoking cannabis. They were issued 2 civil citations.

While on boat patrol on Lake of Egypt, CPOs Mohrman and Johnson were called by one of the lake's marinas in regards to subjects being disruptive in the marina's restaurant. Upon seeing the CPO's arriving at the marina, the subjects decided to leave as they had been asked to do by the owner.

CPO Johnson was checking fishing licenses and found a subject wanted on a warrant. The subject was wanted on a felon in possession of a weapon charge.

CPO Johnson issued a citation to an adult on Lake of Egypt for allowing a 13-year-old to operate a jet ski after hours and without a safety certificate.

CPO Vasicek arrested a subject on Lake of Egypt for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol and lack of wearable life jackets. The subject failed field sobriety testing and submitted a breath sample greater than .08% breath alcohol concentration

CPO Vasicek arrested a subject who was operating a jet ski on Crab Orchard Lake for operation under the influence of alcohol. The subject submitted a breath sample of .119% BAC